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FOR RANSOM/FESA AND PASS APHIS/DR. MOULTON

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SERVICES OF FMD SPECIALIST,
DR. STANELY K. HARRIS

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1. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TANCO SENT FOLLOWING LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR: QUOTE.

IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO CONTROL AND ERADICATE
HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE (HMD) IN THE PHILIPPINES, I HAVE
CONSULTED DR. G. M. BOLDRINI, ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICER,
CONCURRENTLY SECRETARY, EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE
CONTROL OF HOOF-AND-MOUTH DISEASE ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND
HEALTH DIVISION, FAO - ROME.

DR. BOLDRINI CAME TO VISIT THE PHILIPPINES TO TAKE A
CLOSE ASSESSMENT OF THE HMD SITUATION. AMONG HIS RECOMMEN-

DATIONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR PROGRAM IS FOR US TO AVAIL
OF THE EXPERTISE OF AN HMD EPIDEMIOLOGIST. I WAS MADE TO
UNDERSTAND THAT A CERTAIN DR. HARRIS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPART-
MENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PLUM ISLAND RESEARCH STATION AND QUARANTINE
CENTER FOR EXOTIC DISEASES OF ANIMALS IS A SPECIALIST IN
THE FIELD OF HMD EPIDEMIOLOGY AND HAS SPENT SOME TIME IN
TURKEY. UNFORTUNATELY, I DO NOT HAVE THE FULL NAME OF
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DR. HARRIS NOR HIS OFFICIAL TITLE AND LOCATION.

IN VIEW OF THE INTRICACIES OF THIS ASPECT OF HMD, I WOULD
LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO LOCATE AND INVITE DR. HARRIS
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME TO VISIT OUR COUNTRY FOR AT LEAST
ONE YEAR AND GIVE HIS INVALUABLE ADVICE.

THANK YOU AND HOPING FOR YOUR USUAL FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.
END OF QUOTE.

2. PLEASE REPLY SOONEST.

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